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SUBJECT: ITT PAYMENTS PROBLEM

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- 1. ITT TECHNICIAN MCENTYRE INFORMED EMBASSY MORNING OF APRIL 11 THAT ITT SPACE PRESIDENT CHARLES PEACOCK TOLD HIM YESTERDAY THAT ITT MUST RECEIVED QUOTE ABOUT \$100,000 UNQUOTE BEFORE END OF APRIL OR THEY WILL HAVE TO PULL MCENTYRE OUT. SINCE THIS IS THE FOURTH FIGURE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED IN TWO-WEEK PERIOD FROM VARIOUS ITT REPS, REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM WITH PEACOCK MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT AND REPORT TO EMBASSY.
- 2. COMMISSAIRE D'ETAT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL WABALI BAKITAMBISA, IS OUT OF KINSHASA THIS WEEK. EMBOFF WILL CALL ON HIM EARLY NEXT WEEK TO PRESENT ITT'S CASE.
- 3. LOCAL ITT REP, JEAN-PIERRE DELEU, HAD EXPECTED TO SEE WABALI LATE LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE WAS ARRESTED OVER THE WEEKEND REPORTEDLY FOR ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN BELL-ZAIRE AND ITT TRANSACTIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. AS FAR AS WE OR MCENTYRE ARE AWARE, HE DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WABALI BEFORE HIS ARREST. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH MCENTYRE AND DELEU REGARDING THIS PROBLEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST AS APPROPRIATE. CUTLER

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